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### SUMMARY

Inge Karo, née Heiman, was born in 1926 in Essen, Germany. Her father was part owner of a business. Her parents were active in the Jewish community and belonged to a conservative synagogue. Inge belonged to a non-Zionist youth organization and was educated in a school for Jewish children until the schools were closed by the Nazis. The effects of the Nüremberg laws, passed in 1935, are briefly described. The Jewish community of Essen and the Heiman family experienced the destruction of *Kristallnacht* in 1938. Nazis threatened to burn down her family's house and then confiscated it. Inge was affected by the pervasive Nazi propaganda, the persecution, and her family's attempts to escape from Germany to the United States. The family emigrated to the United States in December 1939. Inge briefly talks about life in the United States as a refugee, including her experiences in public school.